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January 27, 2020

Meredith McKeever

Lexington, SC 29

Dear Meridith McKeever,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

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Sincerely,  
Becky Latimer



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### Letter of Protest

Docket No. 2019-290-WS

Date: \* 01-27-2020

#### Protestant Information:

Name \* Meredith McLeever

Mailing Address \*

City, State Zip \* Lexington SC

Phone:

E-mail

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

Customer in Golden Pond Subdivision

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

Water and sewer costs are already very high each month. We are a small household with only 2 people and we use small amounts of water each month. On a good month, our water & sewer totals \$105, but has sometimes been upwards of \$160. There is already little to no consistency of the water bill. Customer service is atrocious. Water utilities should not be such a high percentage of monthly income. The prices are already too high, and they want to make my bills around \$200 per month just for water & sewage. Soon it will be impossible for those who live in Blue Granite's neighborhoods to afford other necessities due to the greed of this company.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \*

No. But this company should be ashamed of how much they already take advantage of its customers and the prices should decrease  
NOT INCREASE!

Signature Required:

Meredith McLeever



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Steve Szala

West Columbia, SC

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Sincerely,  
Becky Latimer



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**Letter of Protest**  
**Docket No. 2019-290-V**

Date: \* 01/24/2020

**Protestant Information:**

Name \* **Steve A Szala**

Mailing Address \*

City, State Zip \* **West Columbia**, **SC**

Phone \*

E-mail

**1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

I am a Customer of Blue Granite Water Company.

**2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

I live on a fixed income.. I cannot afford the water anymore. I may have to get a well. Please name a business that charges a flat fee around 50 dollars or more before receiving any thing in return..

**3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \***

Yes, I would. Thank you! Steve A Szala

Signature Required:

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**Latimer, Becky**

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**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2020 9:03 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 2019-290-WS

Dear Rebecca Stanley,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

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Sincerely,  
Becky Latimer





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Date: \* 1/23/2020

Letter of Protest

Docket No. 2019-290-WS

Protestant Information:

Name \* Rebecca Stanley

Mailing Address \* ,

City, State Zip \* Travelers Rest, SC hone \*

E-mail

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

My significant other and I live in Greenville County, and understand that our rates would be affected.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

It has been brought to my attention that Blue Granite Water Company has asked the Public Service Commission (PSC) for an approximate 35-55 percent increase in water rates and 55 percent fixed cost increase in sewer rates. For sewer customers, that is over \$400 more per year before you turn on the faucet.

For older residents and those on low- or fixed-incomes, utility costs make up a larger portion of their household budgets. Far too often, they are forced to choose between paying for these services or other necessities like food and prescription drugs. They---nor I---cannot afford another increase in their monthly bill, and certainly not one of this magnitude. The water bill is already very high as compared to the water rates in other places I have lived. This increase is punishing.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \*

No

Signature Required: Rebecca Stanley